



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Assembly Bill 649

Assembly Amendment 1

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Assembly Bill 649 creates a new segregated fund that is named the Wisconsin Outdoor Wildlife Heritage Trust Fund. Under the bill, the fund consists of any gifts, grants, bequests or other contributions that are made to the Wisconsin Outdoor Wildlife Heritage Trust Fund. The bill makes an appropriation of all moneys in the fund to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the purpose of funding programs and activities under ch. 29, Stats., which consists primarily of fish and game regulation and the regulation of certain plants.

Assembly Amendment 1 narrows the purposes for which moneys may be expended by the DNR from the Wisconsin Outdoor Wildlife Heritage Trust Fund. Assembly Amendment 1 replaces the broad purpose for these expenditures (as provided in the bill) with authorization to expend moneys from this fund only for the improvement and maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat. The amendment further provides that the DNR may not use moneys from this fund for the acquisition of land for fish and wildlife habitat.

The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1, and passage of the bill as amended, both on a vote of Ayes, 11; Noes, 0.

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